

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Municipal run-off elections are on schedule for September 12th, and a fairly new wrinkle in Alabama politics is the on site absentee voting option. It will be held this Saturday, September 2nd. If the last on site absentee election is any measure, the taxpayers are paying dearly for this option. In Elba, only two absentee voters turned out all day long! Similar results have been noticed in county and state wide elections. There was a big clamor for "voter rights" which got this law passed, but folks "it ain't being used" but is costing taxpayers a bundle of money that could be used for a lot of other things.

There are going to be new faces on the Elba City Council beginning in October. Just how many new faces is up to the Elba voters in districts three, four and five. It is known that Districts #1 and #2 will be represented by new faces, and the options are open in all of the other three council districts. In fact, only one city council incumbent led his respective race in the first primary.

Last week we mentioned about a long time friend dying in North Alabama. Well Saturday morning we came into the office to find a message telling us that the teenage son of a friend in Tuscaloosa had died unexpectedly in his sleep several days ago. The son had finished high school in May and was already enrolled in college. None of us is ready to give up loved ones but can only partially imagine the horrid suffering of a person who has to give up one of their children. It is always assumed that the child will bury the parent and there is a lot of pain associated with this, but it is obviously almost beyond human endurance to give up a child. Those of us who haven't experienced such a loss probably don't really grasp or understand what goes on in the mind and heart of parents who have to bury their child. The best these heartbroken mothers and daddys can ever expect is to learn how to live with the everyday pain for the rest of their lives. Ideally, all of these parents eventually come to accept that God had a better plan for their child.

All the forest fires out West are destroying many, many thousands of trees. The folks in charge are talking of weeks and months of work before the fires are out. This means many, many more trees, barns and homes will burn this year. It is a good idea that Army and Marine troops are jumping in to help in the effort to put out the devastating fires. We are, however, concerned that it is taking a couple of weeks to get the troops from their base to the fire scenes. Modern armies are supposed to be able to move on a moments notice, but then understanding the fighting of big fires and moving military units around the world are not two of the things on our experience resume.

Last week we received a copy of an e-mail letter to our congressional delegation in Washington. It was urging them to remember our levee needs. We are thankful for this letter being sent and hope others out there are flooding (note our word flooding - it fits this project perfectly) Washington with reminders of our needs . . . and the Washington crowds repeated promises of federal help.

Interested citizens need to remember the public hearing the Alabama Highway Department is planning for September 14th at the Elba High School. It deals with the proposed 4-laning of U. S. 84. The main thrust of this informal hearing will be a stretch of Highway 84 West of Elba from Curtis to Covington County Road 30. Contrary to previous reports, the sections of the route in and around Elba are not officially part of this hearing. It will not hurt to go anyway and ask whatever question is on your mind. They can either answer your questions or say they don't know . . . either way those folks will not bite you-we promise!

Sam the dogcatcher is retiring Thursday afternoon. His policemen friends are bidding him farewell at the police department about two or three in the afternoon. It will be alright if local citizens drop in the police station during this time also.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Prescription drugs available free or at a low cost

Your medication too expensive for your budget? If you're in a new booklet might help.

The Cost Containment Research Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 32-page booklet, "Free & Low Cost Prescription Drugs." The revised fourth edition booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs.

"Many major drug companies provide free or low cost medication, but rarely, if ever publicize the programs," said Gary Nave, director of the institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified groups for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #PD-370, P.O. Box 210, Dallas, PA 18612-0210. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institutedc.org.

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6 months - \$10
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Elba Police Report

Southeast Pharmaceuticals Inc. on Troy Highway (9:07 p.m.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton (2:20 a.m.). River stage - 1.90 feet (6:40 a.m.). Eight reported on Smith Avenue (8:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 141 (11:51 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - Disturbance reported as a follow up to a previous call for a trespasser who was driving while their license are revoked, nine for violation of seat belt law, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, four for driving while their license are suspended, one for an expired tag, one for reckless driving, one for switching tag, one for no driver's license, two for not having driver's license in possession, and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week are as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - River stage - 2.04 feet (6:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (6:58 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Larkin Road (8:43 a.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Co. Rd. 410 (10:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - Eight reported at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Lee Street (2:53 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a woods fire on AL Hwy. 141 (3:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the fire on Larkin Road (8:43 a.m.); River stage - 1.97 (6:25 a.m.); Wreck reported on North Claxton Avenue (8:07 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - River stage - 2.04 feet (6:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (12:13 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Troy Highway (10:38 a.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 239 (6:58 a.m.); River stage - 1.94 feet (6:53 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a dumpsite fire on AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) (6:38 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on AL Hwy. 141 (4:01 p.m.); Alarm at

Have A
Safe &
Happy
Holiday

BULLETIN BOARD

SOCIAL SECURITY REP - Court hours: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call 1-800-772-1213
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon. First Free Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. @ 7:30 a.m. United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Monday 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on site of Rev. W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIBRARY - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
BAND - 2nd & 4th Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon. & Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton - 126 Taylor Ave. Farm Center Complex 894-5858

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Tues. 10 a.m. Coffee Industrial Center

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month at 7 p.m. - Elba Airport Driscoll hangar

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport Driscoll hangar

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays 6:30 p.m. - Elba High School

ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH is First Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each month at the ZC Fire Department

WORLD LODGE - 1932 - 4th Thursday night of the month @ 7:00 p.m. at the Woodman Lodge located at 510 W. Simmons Street, Elba.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 21, 2000 through August 27, 2000. They were: Linda Odum, Billie Boswell, Smith Marshall, Joe Mitchell, Marcia Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, Mary Lou Mack, Joe Prescott, Mary Bryan, Petty Lee Wambles, Reda Jackson, W. B. Baldwin, Michael New, Ouis Arrington, Dorothy Williams, David Stinson, Katie Moore, Murray Barnes, Katie Moore, Barbara Hoomes, Doreen Williams, David Stinson, Carolyn Caldwell, and Margaret Hussey, and Mildred Eiland.

Coffee County Schools
Menu
Sept. 4 - 8, 2000

BREAKFAST
Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Biscuit, Sausage
Wednesday - Cereal, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Steak Nuggets, Hoi Dog, French Fries, Macaroni
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Burritos, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Turkey Sandwich, Fish Sandwich, Black-eye Peas, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Friday - Sloppy Joes, Chicken Salad/Pasta, Bread, Butterbeans, Corn on the Cob, Fruit, Milk

We Have A Home or Land To Suit Your Budget!

NEW LISTINGS *NEW LISTINGS* *NEW LISTINGS*

New Listing • Hwy. 84 E • 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home with Basement \$68,900

Country Home . . . Located on Co. Rd. 618 Just 10 Minutes From Interstate 22 AC2
Fenced pasture land w/ small ponds • 1,890 Sq. Ft. farm house • Vinyl siding • Metal roof • 1,100 sq ft wrap-around porch • Only 2 yrs. old
Also 30x40 Shop bldg. & 50x60 barn \$180,000 \$179,000

Under Contract
Goodman Community • Brick House 3 BR - 1 Bath on 2 Acs. Located on Co. Rd. 606. \$44,900

Executive Home on Forest Lake Drive • 2400 sf 3 BR - 2 Baths, 3 Bay Windows, Covered Deck, Double Garage. \$159,900

Dr. Roberts Drive - 2,000 SF-3 BR, 2 Bath Brick Home - Completely Remodeled on 3/4 AC± \$89,900

40 ACRES ± - Between Hwy 87 and 189 - Frontage on both highways - \$22,000 per acre.

County Road 349 • 1991 Liberty 14x70 Mobile Home on 1/2 Acre Lot • 3BR - 1 Bath \$19,500

Great Weekend Getaway - Perfect For Fishing & Hunting - Located at Gant Lake on an 89 ft x 250 ft lot - 1975 Mobile Home - 2B, 1 Bath

Access to Boat Ramp & Pier. \$22,900

Secluded, Wooded Lot - 7 acres w/ 3/4 AC spring fed pond - Located just off AL Hwy. 87 North in Coffee \$27,900

LOT AT GANT LAKE \$18,000

MUST SEE! Land For Sale 2 Building Lots On Taylor Mill Rd., Past County Lake. Approximately 166 w/Large 3BR - 2 Bath

NEW LISTING 370'X150' \$15,000 each

REDUCED! REDUCED! • Two 12-AC Parcels • Co. Rd. 349 • Parcel #1 Reduced To \$1250/AC • Parcel #2 Reduced To \$1200/AC

14 AC± - Wooded & Puddle with 2 AC pond • Perfect site for a cabin • Located just off AL Hwy. 87 North in Coffee County \$32,000.00

18 AC +/- Commercial Property • Located On AL Hwy. 166 w/Large 3BR - 2 Bath Brick Home

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LIFESTYLES

Rowland -Strong wedding held at Elba First Baptist Church on June 24th

Miss Emily Warr Strong and Mr. Christopher Beau Rowland were united in marriage on June 24, 2000, at six o'clock in the evening at the First Baptist Church of Elba. Rev. William Martin Gray Jr. officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth DuPont Strong of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Milton Warr of Elba. Dr. and Mrs. William DuPont Strong of Enterprise and the late Mrs. Dorothy Lummus Strong.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Rowland Jr. of Orlando, Fla. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Orvis Simmons of Savannah, Ga. and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall Rowland Sr. of Orlando, Fla.

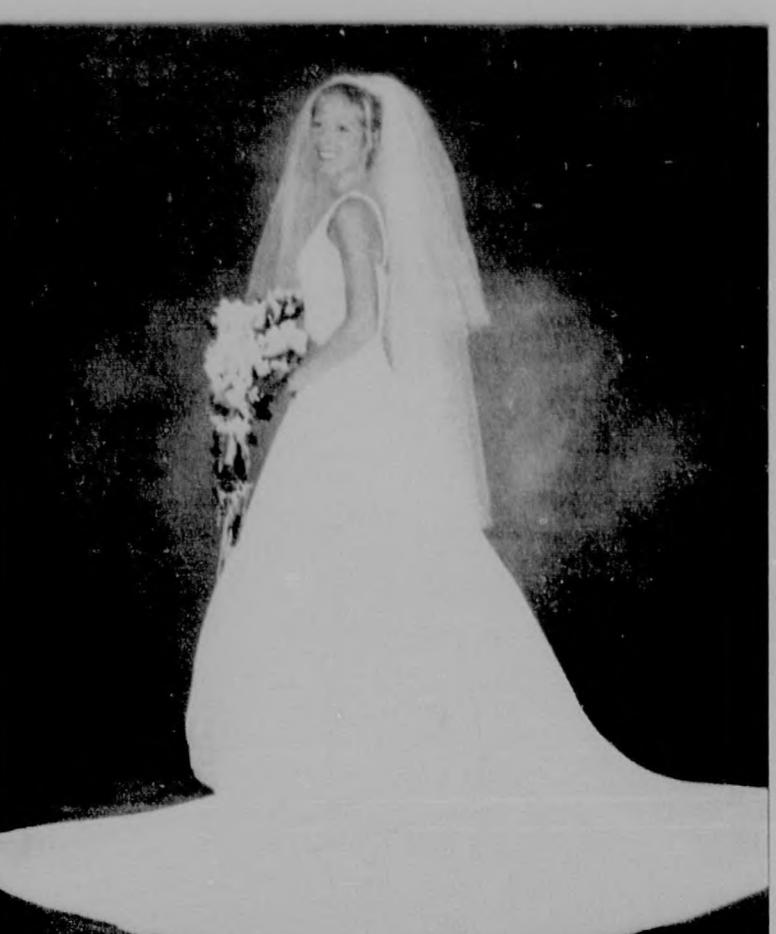
Swags of greenery tied with white satin bows decorated the outside doors of the church. A stylized arrangement of lilies sat on the credenza in the vestibule and was reflected in the mirror as guests entered the church. Greeting the guests were Miss Amy Baker of Elba and Mrs. Amy Robbins Valerio of Dunwoody, Ga., both friends of the bride. Attending the registry tables were Mrs. Ashley Mathews Lunsford of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Lane Adam Mathews of Burnett, Texas, both cousins of the bride. Miss Gina Suzanne Bedsole of Atlanta, Ga., friend of the bride, also served as a wedding attendant.

In the sanctuary, the altar was decorated with a vibrant variety of flowers including Casablanca and Star Gazer Lillies, purple larkspur, pink snapdragons and viburnum. Brass candelabra accented with majestic palms added a touch of glamour to the alter. Family pews were marked with complementary arrangements of flowers, greenery and white lilies.

A prenatal program of sacred music was presented by Mrs. Melanie Roberson, organist, Mrs. Ella Kate Hane, pianist, and Mr. Butch Orgs, vocalist.

The bride was the daughter of the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a matte silk satin sleeveless gown featuring a hand-beaded bateau neckline and dropped waist. The box pleated skirt fell to a chapel length train, and the traditional covered buttons added a finishing touch to the back of the dress. The bride work a finger tip veil of silk illusion attached to a hand-beaded satin head piece complementing the dress. She carried the white Bible that her mother had carried at her wedding topped with a cascading bouquet of white Denrobi Orchids and white lisianthus accented with Virginia roses. Family tradition was continued as the bride carried her great-grandmother Warr's handkerchief tucked into her bridal bouquet.

Attending the bride as maids of honor were her sisters, Elena and Elizabeth Strong of Elba. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lynn Burns, Pensacola, Fla.; Caroline Elizabeth Campbell, Atlanta, Ga.; Catherine Ann Christianon, Orlando, Fla.; Catherine Carey DeBeyn, Atlanta, Ga.; Meghan Blair Fleck, Car-



Mrs. Christopher Beau Rowland

roton, Ga.; Amy Janet King, cousin of the bride, Orlando, Fla.; and Taja Marie Williams, Columbia, S.C. Their sleeveless gown of cloud blue matte satin featured a bateau neckline, dropped waist and a full length straight skirt. Attendants carried cascading bouquets of yellow freesia, white Denrobi orchids, Asiatic and Star Gazer Lillies and blue delphinium.

Flower girls were Miss Elizabeth Chandler Smith of Birmingham, Ala., cousin of the bride, and Rowan Eden Munkberg of Orlando, Fla., niece of the groom. Their white tea length dresses of imported Swiss batiste were edged in cerulean French lace and satin ribbon. The dresses were accented with full skirts of puffing strips and bands of lace and beaded trim. The mother of the bride, Mrs. Mary Gray, was welcomed by Mrs. Janet King, Roanoke's dress was handmade by the mother of the bride. The flower girls wore halos of baby's breath and greenery and carried matching nosegays.

The groom was attended by Mr. Joseph August Fisher III of San Francisco, Calif., and Mr. James Matthew Campbell of Atlanta, Ga. The best men, Groomsmen were David Jefferson Davis, Winter Park, Fla.; Brian Edward Dinklage, Orlando, Fla.; Ruddy Bisgaard Lanigan, Cambridge, England; Thomas Scott Miller, Orlando, Fla.; William Marshall Rowland III, brother of the groom, Orlando, Fla.; Dennis Richard Self Jr., brother-in-law of the groom, Charlotte, N.C.; William Walter Wolfe III, cousin of the groom, Savannah, Ga.

The ring bearer was Master Dennis Richard Self III, Charlotte, N.C., nephew of the groom. Complementing the flower girls' dresses, the heirloom white Swiss batiste pillow he carried was handmade and embroidered by the bride's mother.

The wedding was directed by

Kilcrease and Wambles exchange vows

Miss Amanda Wambles and Steven Michael Kilcrease were united in marriage at 4 p.m. on July 29, 2000 at Salem Baptist Church in Brundidge. The wedding was performed by Rev. Mac Moore.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wambles of Troy.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kilcrease of Troy.

Mr. Doug Wambles, organist and uncle of the bride, provided music for the ceremony. Miss Jana Grace, sorority sister of the bride, played the violin and Mr. Jason Grace accompanied her on the piano for a musical special.

Mrs. Debbie Allred provided soloist vocals during the ceremony. Mr. Grace also sang a duet with Mrs. Allred.

Miss Wambles was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white gown of Italian Satin fitted at the waist with a scoop neckline. The bodice was accented with a lace overlay. The gown was adorned with seed pearls. Covered buttons adorned the gown with a scoop back to the end of the flowing train. Ashley wore a tara with a fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies.

Mr. Kilcrease, father of the groom, was the best man. Other grooms were Mr. Adam Kilcrease, brother of the groom; Mr. Josh Wambles, brother of the bride; Mr. Chuck Dunn, Mr. Regal Hamm, Mr. Jason Jones, Mr. Brad Ward, Mr. Todd Messick, all of Troy; and Mr. Charles Sanders of Roetow. Master Kyle Bridges, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to England, the couple is at home in Winter Park, Fla.

Pre-Nuptial Parties

After an rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held the evening before the wedding at The Rawls in Enterprise.

The bride, her attendants, and our friends were welcomed with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Mary Gray.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Will Gray who served refreshments on the front porch while his father, Rev. Marti Gray, entertained with a medley of piano music. Also assisting were Mrs. Lynn Baker, Mrs. Pam Bedsole, Mrs. Daphne Donaldson Cook, Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Becky Hayes, Mrs. Leah Crowe Killingsworth, Mrs. Verneette Madelox and Mrs. Ceina Spicer.

The groom, his attendants, and out of town friends were honored with a traditional Southern luncheon the day of the wedding at the home of Mrs. Nadine Scarborough.

Assisting her were Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Harriette Boyd, Mrs. Beth DuBose, Mrs. Lucia Grantham, Mrs. Jean Helms, Mrs. Mary Helms, Mrs. Debbie Jared, Mrs. Kathy Smith, Mrs. Sara Smith, Mrs. Allona Vaughan and Mrs. Candace Vaughan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, aunt and uncle of the bride, served a light buffet to the wedding party in the fellowship hall before the wedding.



Mrs. Steven Michael Kilcrease

Shea Ward graduates Magna Cum Laude from AU

Shea Ward, daughter of Robert and Sharon Ward of Elba, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University on June 10 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

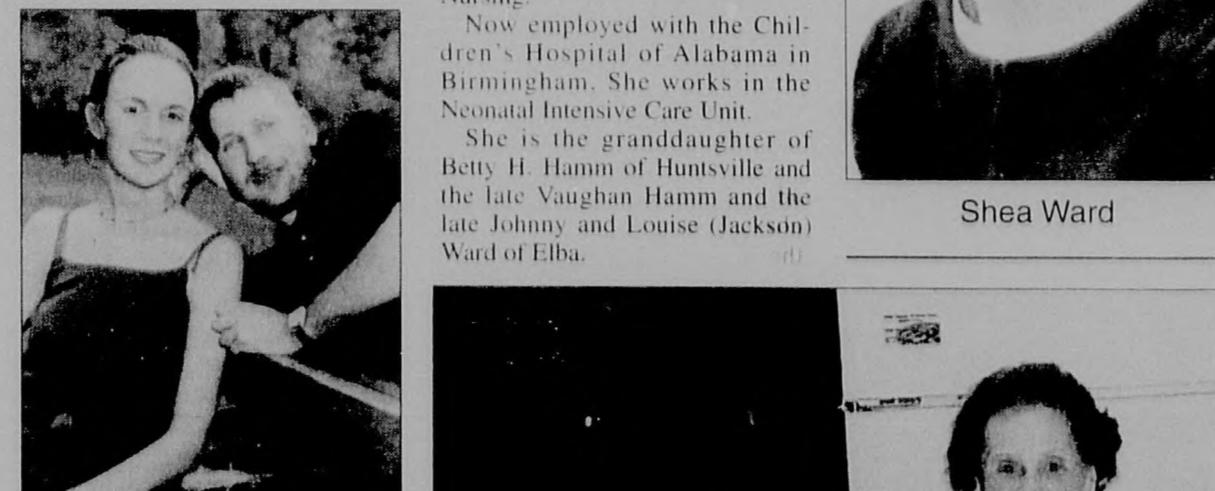
She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Senior Scholarship Honor Society; Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing; and Golden Key Honor Society.

She received the School of Nursing Faculty Award for Academic Excellence. She graduated with a 3.92 GPA in the School of Nursing.

Now employed with the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham, she works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

She is the granddaughter of Betty H. Hamm of Huntsville and the late Vaughan Hamm and the late Johnny and Louise Jackson (Ward) of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kilcrease entertained with an after rehearsal party at Mossy Grove Schoolhouse Restaurant.



Shea Ward

Cazenavette-Glover wedding planned for November 18th

Patricia and Paul Cazenavette of Walnut Hill, Fla. announce the engagement of their daughter, Valerie Ann Cazenavette, to Brian William Glover, son of Bob and Penny Glover of Elba.

Miss Cazenavette recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in elementary education. She has begun her teaching career in Temple, Ga.

Mr. Glover is a 1996 graduate of Elba High School. He is also a 2000 graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in health promotion. He will be seeking employment in the Atlanta area.

The wedding will be held on Nov. 18, 2000 in Pensacola, Fla.

Don't Forget to

Clark Theatres • Enterprise
SEPT 1-7
Enterprise Shopping Center
I - SPACE COWBOYS (PG-13)
M-F 7:30p-10p • \$8.287
II - NURSES: PROFESSIONAL (PG-13)
M-F 9:30p-10p • \$8.436/9.30
III - BRING IT ON (PG-13)
M-F 7:15p-8:20 • \$8.5 2:15-4:20 7:15&9:30
IV - THE CELL (R)
M-F 7:45p-8:20 • \$8.5 2:45-7:45&9:15
V - COLLEGE PLAZA (R)
M-F 7:00p-8:20
VI - WHAT LIES BENEATH (PG-13)
M-F 7:00p-8:20
AUTUMN IN NEW YORK (PG-13)
M-F 9:00p-10p • \$8.5 4:30p-9:30
* No Passes • * No Wed. Night Dine

Elba's Matinee Sat. & Sun.
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun.
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Harold Spicer, 911 Forest St., Elba, AL 36323

Thank You for your Vote and Support!

Thank you for your
Vote and Support on
August 22, 2000.

Now I ask for your
continued Prayers and
Support for the election on
September 12, 2000.

Please return to the polls
and **Vote** for me,
Harold Spicer, for
Councilman - District
4 - so that I may work for
you - the people - to make
our city a better place to live and work.

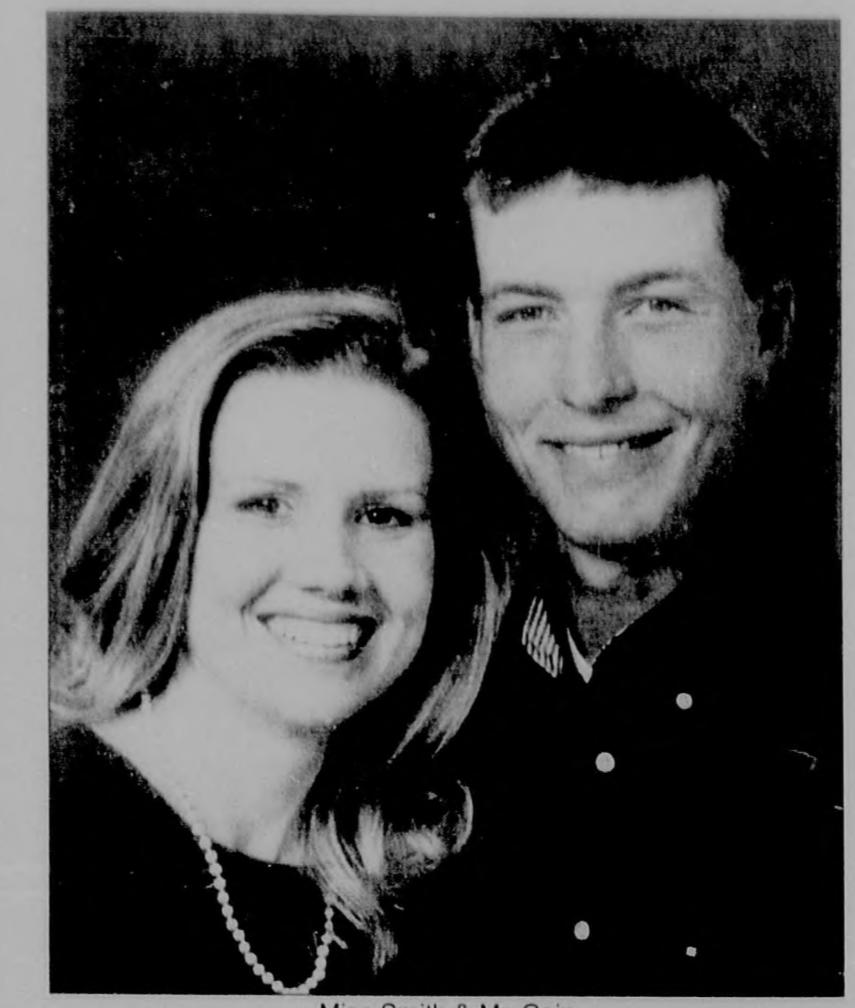
I hope to see each of you before the next election and
thank you in person.

Thanks,
Harold Spicer

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Harold Spicer, 911 Forest St., Elba, AL 36323

LIFESTYLES

Miss Smith & Mr. Cain plan September wedding



Miss Smith & Mr. Cain

Tommy and Marilyn Smith of Kinston announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jill Kristine to Christopher Michael Cain, son of Tim and Sylvia Pope of Chancellor and Mike and Debbie Cain of Enterprise.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kathleen Wilhemy and the late Jack Wilhemy of Ardenwood and Mrs. Merle Smith and the late Grady Smith of New Brockton.

Mrs. Smith is a 1994 graduate of Enterprise High School and a 1999 graduate of Troy State University with a Master of Science in business administration. She is currently employed in Enterprise.

The future groom is the grandson of Albert and Jeanette Beane of Chancellor and Paul and Bessie Merle Cain of Enterprise.

Mr. Cain is a 1995 graduate of Enterprise High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College. He is self-employed.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 30, 2000 at 4 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church in New Brockton. All friends and family are invited to attend.

New date set for annual Lee Reunion

The annual Lee Reunion has been changed from the 1st Sunday in September to the 2nd Sunday in October. The Reunion will be held at the Elba Masonic Lodge, Sunday, October 8, 2000.

New Arrival

ANNA ISABELLA JACKSON



Anna Isabella Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Jackson announce the birth of a baby girl on Wednesday, August 16, 2000 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. Anna Isabella was born at 6:45 p.m. and was welcomed home by her two parents, Timothy and Michael.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan of Luverne and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jackson of Glenwood. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Jackson, also of Glenwood.

He is a graduate of Elba High School and is employed in Elba.



Miss Gilmore & Mr. Owens

Gilmore-Owens wedding planned for October 7th

The wedding will be an event of Oct. 7, 2000 at Forest Hills Resort in Atlanta, Ga.

Bridal Registry

• Crystal stemwear

• China

• Flatware

Bradley Florist & Gift

897-3422

Deadline for social news is Monday!

Miss Heather DuBose honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Heather DuBose, bride-elect of Mrs. Dusty Smith, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on Sunday afternoon, July 23, at the Elba Public Library.

The double front doors of the library were festive and artfully decorated with white wicker bedding tied with mint green ribbons.

The guests were greeted by Heather; her mother, Mrs. Beth DuBose; and mother of the future groom, Mrs. Pam Smith. Also in attendance to honor the future bride were her grandparents, Mrs. Rita Barefoot and Mrs. Ollie Farris; Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Sara Strong and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess.

The refreshment table was adorned with a white battenburg cloth. Crystal appointments held the tasty party dainties that were enjoyed by the guests.

Hostesses for this occasion were:

Mrs. Joan Ward, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, Mrs. Janice Strickland, Mrs.

Janice McCall, Ms. Lucia Hargrove, Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, Ms. Debbie Brown, Mrs. Jackie Prescott, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Julie Purdie, Mrs. Janice Jackson, Mrs. Chris Slatley, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Diane English, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, Ms. Sue Boggs, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Rhonda Stephens, Mrs.

Alonna Vaughan, Mrs. Betty Bruns-

ton, Mrs. Frances Jacobs, Mrs.

Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Sara

Strong and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess.

The double front doors of the library were festive and artfully decorated with white wicker bedding tied with mint green ribbons.

The guests were greeted by Heather; her mother, Mrs. Beth DuBose; and mother of the future groom, Mrs. Pam Smith. Also in attendance to honor the future bride were her grandparents, Mrs. Rita Barefoot and Mrs. Ollie Farris; Mrs. Shirley Henderson, Mrs. Sara Strong and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyess.

The refreshment table was adorned with a white battenburg cloth. Crystal appointments held the tasty party dainties that were enjoyed by the guests.

Hostesses for this occasion were:

Mrs. Joan Ward, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, Mrs. Janice Strickland, Mrs.

Janice McCall, Ms. Lucia Hargrove, Mrs. Henrietta Taylor, Ms. Debbie Brown, Mrs. Jackie Prescott, Mrs. Pam Baker, Mrs. Julie Purdie, Mrs. Janice Jackson, Mrs. Chris Slatley, Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Diane English, Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, Ms. Sue Boggs, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Kyle

CHURCH

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Philippians 1:4-21

Thinking of you, praying for you! Annie Pearl Carpenter, Sam Siler, Rev. Charles Lane, Tina Coleman, Stephanie Fears, Julie Phillips, Bettye Newton, Elijah Yelverton, Jessie Robinson, Milton Hooks, Mary Harris, Colis Belcher, Anthony Kelley.

Lord, Please Revive Me - Revival Meeting of Triumph Holiness Church, Martin Luther King Jr. Elba will be Sept. 4-8. The evangelist will be Minister Pamela Mitchell. Pastor will be Minister W.L. Johnson, minister will be Oak Grove Church of Elba.

100th Anniversary Program of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Elba, will be Sept. 3, 2 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. J.E. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Saturday, Aug. 26. The ensemble was a Praise-A-Team of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Saturday.

Visitors: Kathy Johnson, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Tai Thompson, Birmingham, Ala., and students at Alabama State University, Montgomery, attended worship services at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba.

Today is a good day, be grateful. Eria

Gospel Singing to be held at Southeast District Singing Building

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Southeast District Singing Building on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

The featured groups will be the "Gospel Four" of Pensacola, Fla.

and the "Traveling Stars" of Opp, Ala. A \$4 donation is requested, and everyone is invited.

The Southeast District Singing Building is located on County Road 377 in Elba.

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Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Russell Abbott, Pastor
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mon. Worship 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. William Franklin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

1-L. Grayson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Mon. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.



Living Word Ministry to hold Revival Services

on Sunday, Aug. 27. They also visited Elba Lindsey Belcher and other family members.

Louis Siler, Laurel Md., and Larry Siler, visited Elba Lindsey Belcher of Elba recently.

***Sisters United by Prayer - All

sisters are welcome to come out and join each other each Monday night at 7 p.m. in the home of LaTisha Robertson, Powell Trailor Court, Elba.

***Family and Friends Day of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brantley will be Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the morning service will be Pastor Fletcher Pease.

***The Rocky Head MB Church Ensemble attended a Praise-A-Team of Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Saturday, Aug. 26. The ensemble was also present (the same date) at the Annual Choirs Day of New Pilgrim Baptist Church.

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NOTICE

Anyone needing prayer can call the Church of Jesus Christ at 897-6468. Missionary Prayer is held

daily (Monday-Friday) from 12 noon until 1 p.m. Pastor is Bishop E.H. Hill.

Douglas MacArthur State Technical College conducts computer training for National Security of Elba

Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, National Security and Elba High School recently formed a partnership to offer computer training for National Security employees. National Security recently upgraded their AS/400 minicomputer system and in the process replaced all CRT's (dumb terminals) with personal computers. This technology gives the employees the benefit of having a computer that can not only perform all personal computer functions, but also allows them to access the new AS/400 all at one computer. This is the latest technology available in the area of personal computer and minicomputer connectivity.

Most of the employees at National Security had little or no personal computer training. With the cooperation of the Elba City School sys-

tem, MacArthur State Technical College was able to offer the needed training through its Workforce Development and Continuing Education program.

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2000 KINSTON BULLDOGS



2000 ZION CHAPEL REBELS

Zion Chapel Rebels put out "ambush" warnings to all opponents this season

When Zion Chapel head football coach Randy Grant returned to his alma mater back in 1997, there were high hopes that the former Rebel standout and assistant coach would be just what the program needed to return the Rebels to their winning ways of years past. While Coach Grant's rebuilding project has taken a little longer than expected, this could very well be the season in which the Rebels take that final step toward becoming the dominant football team that Coach Grant, his staff, the players and the Rebel fans have been waiting for!

"I must admit that I feel pretty good about this football team and the upcoming season," stated Coach Grant. "We have 27 players on the varsity team, have good leadership from the seniors and have a group of players that understand what we have to do to win. We will have a lot of players that play both offense and defense. However, we have some sophomores and freshmen that are ready to play high school football, and I think that will help us get a rest for some of the players that we need on the field in key situations. Maybe the biggest difference in this year's team from years past, besides the number of players, is the overall attitude. The players are willing to work hard, believe that they can win ball games, and we have some players that are leaders, both on and off the field. We are excited about football again at Zion Chapel."

Offensively, the Zion Chapel Rebels will center around the talented senior trio of quarterback Marcus Taylor, running back Josh McWatters, Taylor (5-11, 180) will be entering his third year as the Rebels' starter at quarterback, and is expected to be a double threat with his strong passing arm and uncanny scrambling ability. McWatters (5-11, 161) had a number of big

games a year ago from his spot in the backfield, and after a solid summer weight program, will be a much tougher runner, which will give him both speed and power. McWatters (5-9, 153) was the Rebels' leading receiver a year ago with 45 receptions, and while he may have what his coaches call "average speed," he has the ability to find the open spot in the defense and possesses exceptional hands.

The key to any offense is the man up front in the trenches, and Zion Chapel will be solid in the area, where five seniors and two juniors will anchor the Rebels' front wall. Senior tackles Chris Fuller (282) and Curt Stinson (183) should help pave the way for the Rebel runners, while senior guard Blakely Helms (257) and junior guard Zane Tracey (175) will join with junior center Josh Carnley (196) to form an offensive line that should provide a challenge to any and all opposing defensive units.

Senior tight-end David Eddins (173) and senior split-end Patrick O'Neal (180) will also be double threats for the Rebels' offense, and will round out what should be a productive offensive unit.

"I think we should be able to be balanced on offense," said Coach Grant, "and hopefully we will be able to be effective both running and passing. The linemen understand that we don't have any real speedy backs, and have worked hard to improve their blocking. We expect a pretty good offensive club, and think we can put some points on the scoreboard."

On the defense, Rebels gave up points in bunches last season, so that Coach Grant and his staff have gone unnoticed in preseason drills. "Defense is one area we have worked on a lot," admitted Coach Grant. "We gave up way too many points last year to win many games, and could have got a few wins if we had been able to keep our opponents out of the endzone."

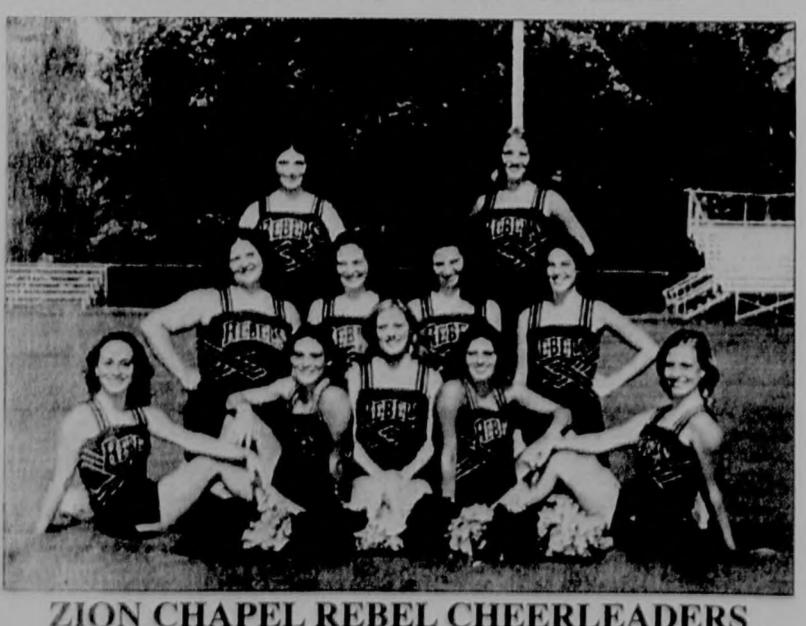
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Kinston Bulldogs hoping their bite is much worse than their bark this season

After suffering through a series of losing seasons on the basketball court, the Kinston basketball fans were convinced that Kinston basketball coach Gary Glass must be a phantom for punishment after agreeing to handle the head duties in both basketball and football. After all, the Bulldogs had won only one game the past two years in football, and had been placed in the same region with such 1A powers as Brantley, G.W. Long and Flora.

Those same Bulldogs were included in the Class 1A preseason high school football poll; however, and now some of the same fans are wondering if Coach Glass and the state's sports writers know something they don't. Only time will tell!

"I don't know who voted for us in the preseason football poll," admitted Coach Glass, "and I am sure it drew a lot of laughs in a lot of places. It may make us a marked team early on, but it did fine up our players, and now we know that at least some people across the state know that we do play football down here in Kinston."

"I realized when I took the job that the first year I think I was crazy," said Glass, "but these kids have grown up around me and I have confidence in them, and believe that they can be winners in all sports, football included. We have worked hard during the summer getting in shape, and will dress out 32 players on the varsity, including 16 juniors. We all know we aren't going to turn the program around over night, but at the same time we know we have to start some time, and that time is now."

Offensively, Kinston appears to have a solid offense that will be able to put points on the scoreboard, and bring their fans to their feet.

Quarterback Ryan Anderson (6-2, 170) will guide the Bulldog attack, and is expected to be a double-threat both running and passing, despite his inexperience. Juniors Jamie Lunsford and Bo Driggers will share the duties at tailback and will enable the Bulldogs to keep a fresh pair of legs in the game, while junior Donnie Sansom (5-10, 240) will give the offense power behind running and blocking.

Kinston will put the ball in the air in an attempt to develop a balanced offensive attack, and when Anderson does go to the airways, his favorite targets will be junior split-ends Patrick Nelson (165) and Tim Whigham (177).

"We have one of our toughest schedules in years," said Grant, "and know that there will be no easy wins. The region is perhaps the toughest in the state, and includes teams like Brantley, G.W. Long, Flora and Arinton, and we are looking forward to the Kinston, Kimball and Pleasant Home. We will work together as New Brockton and Houston County to open up with, and also play the Alabama School of the Deaf and Kimball, it doesn't take a genius to see that we will have our hands full every night out."

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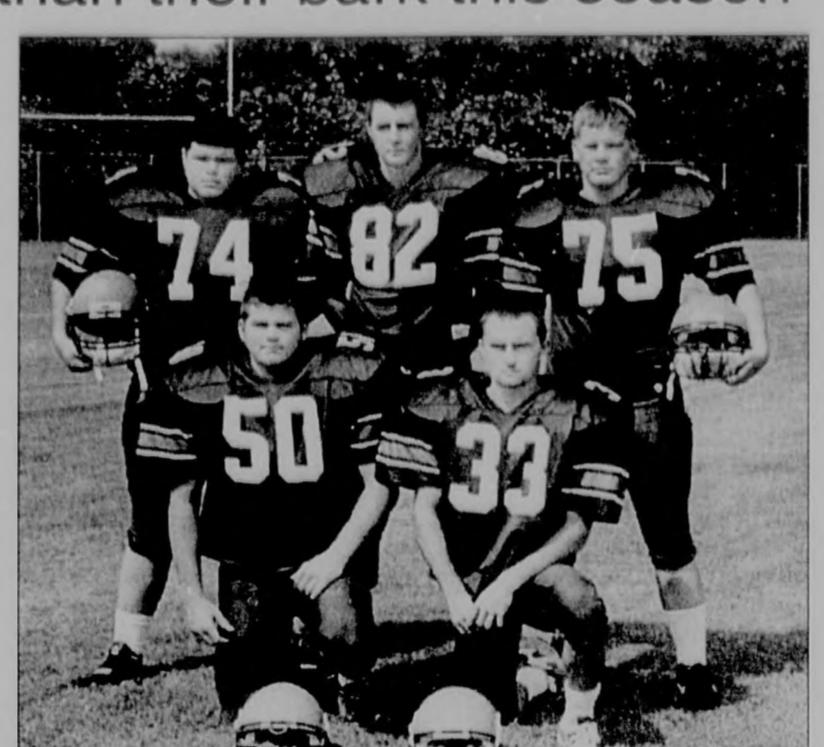
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KINSTON BULLDOG SENIORS...for the 2000 football season include (kneeling, l-r) Jason Farris, Daniel Davis, (standing, l-r) Chris Rhodes, Derrick Cain and Wade Ward.



KINSTON BULLDOG FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Craig Glass, "but we do have some quickness and should be a sizeable size. We will have to be aggressive on every single play and get after folks to be successful on offense."

The Kinston defense rarely even slowed down the opposition a year ago and allowed opposing offense to light up the scoreboard each and every game. However, the lack of defense did not go unnoticed by Coach Glass and his staff.

"We played absolutely no defense at all at times last season," said Glass, "and the only chance we had to win was basically to score every time we got the football. We have worked long and hard on defense this year in preseasn practice, and believe that our opponents will see a much different team on the defensive side of the ball."

Junior linebackers Todd Mack, Jamie Lunsford and Bo Driggers are expected to lead the resurgence in the Bulldog defense, while the front line of defense in the defensive line will include Derrick Cain, Daniel Davis, Brad Boykin, Jason Farris, Wade Ward and Chris Rhodes. The secondary should have quickness and experience, and will be led by Ryan Anderson, Cody Sansom, Tim Whigham, Lee Holley and Tim Wood.

"We all know that there will be no team on our schedule that is more looking forward to playing Kinston," said Glass. "While we aren't making any brash predictions, we all believe that we can win some football games this season, and establish a winning attitude here at Kinston. Our schedule is tough every single week, and includes some of the top 1A and 2A teams in the state. We won't back down from anyone; however, and will play hard, play with emotion, and play to win no matter who we are playing."

Kinston has a new coach and a new attitude on the football field this season, and with a little luck early on could very well take its first steps toward becoming a winning football team. It won't be easy. However, this could very well be a different breed of Bulldog this year down in Kinston.

"We just made too many mistakes, especially in the substitutions," noted Glass. "Our mistakes are correctable but we only have one week to make those corrections."

Glass was pleased with the way the first defense looked and was very pleased with the return of starting middle linebacker Ricky Mundy, who has been out with a shoulder injury.

"Ricky gave us a big lift on defense," added Glass. "He did well with ends Kris Cain and Mike McCreary and Rudy Furr. Ricky has been a mainstay, dominated the line of scrimmage."

"The offense did not do a good job all at once, although fullback Phillip Keef had a couple of nice runs," said Glass.

"Despite the effort today, we have made improvement," he said. "Our

coaches are tired and they just didn't push through it very well."

Touchdowns in the scrimmage came on runs of eight and 16 yards by freshman Jerry Washington, a 19-yard run by quarterback Keith Trimble, a 60-yard field goal return by Deron Rush and a 40-yard fumble return by Office. Russell Cornelius added field goals of 27 and 29 yards.

The Tigers open the 2000 campaign Saturday afternoon at Stillman College. Kickoff is set for 4:00 p.m.

Beauchemin bolts to SARA win at South Alabama Speedway

Derrick Deese came from the 12th starting spot to finish second.

Martin was third, Scott Spivey fourth, and Michael Tillery round out the top five.

Tim Hudson took over the lead when leader Jamie Bowers spun three laps from the finish to win the 125-lap race to take his second series win of the year. Faulk turned in an impressive second place showing with Scofield finishing third.

Jason Crossey was fourth and Kevin Ingram fifth. Local drivers Ed Baker finished a respectable ninth; Royce Johnston was eleventh, and Watkins was 20th.

In local action, Mark Davis took the lead on lap 3 and went on to win his fifth Super Stock race.

Jody Henderson was held up early off the line, the lead went to

Chris Lucas and Michael Tillery.

Chris Lucas and Michael Tillery

led the race to the finish.

In IMCA Modified, Jeff Rudd

was again in victory lane.

Rudd came from the ninth starting

spot to take the lead on lap 10, and went

on to win for the 12th time this

year. Wayne Schneider ran a

strong second. Damon Hammond

was third, Lee Hellett fourth, and Russ Holland fifth.

Wayne Slawson won his second

Street Stock Feature, taking the lead from Brian Martin on lap 13.

Brantley Bulldogs look to continue winning ways despite tough early-season schedule

The Brantley Bulldogs won the Class 1A state football championship in 1998 with a 13-2 record, and last year finished 10-2. The Bulldogs are a 14-1 slate. With twelve seniors on this year's team that have won 27 games over the past two years and made two consecutive trips to the state championship game in Birmingham, what do their senior year their best ever, while also expected to see action with the ball in their hands are sophomore Jimmy Mitchell (5-11, 160), Mike Mitchell (6-3, 180) and Sergio Burnett (5-11, 165) to give Johnson plenty of targets at which to throw.

The Brantley defense will begin his second season at the Bulldog helm this year and expectations are high, as always, that the Bulldogs will once again be among the winningest teams in the state, regardless of class. The Bulldogs will make yet another run toward a state title. Brantley lost its top players on both offense and defense this year ago to graduation, but the cupboard is far from being bare, and it appears that the Bulldogs may indeed have the talent to be a serious threat for the 1A crown.

Brantley should be in solid hands at the quarterback position, where senior Andy Johnson (6-4, 205) will return and look to add on to his 11.7 points a game, and will once again be reckoned with. Tyrell Knighten will be the leading returnee on defense, and should combine with Gregory Daniels, Tyrone Knighten, Rashadd Owens and Bobby Phillips, should another aggressive Bulldog defensive squad!

Tyrell Knighten made 104 tackles, recorded 14 sacks, caused 2 fumbles, recovered 3 fumbles and blocked 2 punts last season for the Bulldogs, while Gregory Daniels had 64 tackles, 5 sacks, caused 2 fumbles, recovered 1 fumble and had 2 pass interceptions. Tyrone Knighten finished with 62 tackles and 14 sacks, while Rashadd Owens had 48 tackles and 1 fumble recovered and Bobby Phillips had 49 tackles and 2 fumbles. Other leaders on defense included Kris Cain with 32 tackles and 2 fumbles caused; Mike Mitchell and Rodney Wiley with 24 tackles and 4 sacks; and Jamie Cooper with 29 tackles and 4 sacks.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Former Coffee County resident writes history of Victoria Community

by Jefferson Delma Head

One of the oldest communities in Coffee County was established as a settlement in the mid 1830s when then a part of Dale County, Victoria, located 12 miles north of Elba on Highway 125, has not always been known as Victoria. It has undergone a metamorphosis of name changing from Smut Eye to Buzbeeville, again to Smut Eye and finally Victoria. A Post Office was established using the name Smut Eye in 1850, changed to Buzbeeville in 1852, and Victoria in 1868. For a number of years the Smut Eye name lingered much to the chagrin of the affluent Winslow family who thought the name tacky and unsophisticated. Victoria Winslow, daughter of prominent pioneer citizen Elisha Winslow, wanted the community to have a more dignified name. Reportedly some of the young men of the community motivated by a desire to gain favor with Miss Winslow, suggested the name be changed to Victoria in her honor. Old traditions die slowly, however, and for 50 years later the community was still being called "Smut Eye."

The 1860 Census of Coffee County lists the Elisha Winslow family as residents of Buzbeeville, Elisha Winslow, age 62, a former born in Georgia who first migrated to Florida and then to Alabama, was apparently widowed with five children. Marion age 22, Franklin 22, Victoria 20, George 4 and Fanny 3. Elisha had real estate valued at \$4,200 and personal estate at \$26,650 reflecting his status as a wealthy man of his day. Victoria Winslow, highly educated and an accomplished pianist often demonstrated her musical skills in social events for the community.

There are many stories regarding

Coffee County Democratic Party to host Democratic Rally on Sept. 7

The Coffee County Democratic Party will be hosting an old fashioned political rally on Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

Activities will include a country/bluegrass band, activities for children such as clowns, moon-walk, rides, etc. food (hamburgers and hotdogs), and opportunities to meet statewide and local candidates.

the origin of the name Smut Eye. One such story suggest that men gathered around an open fire to warm their hands in cold weather and would end up with soot around their face and eyes thus creating a "Smut Eye" appearance. Another story suggest that it became a meeting place for young men to congregate and ingest distilled spirits which led to arguments, fights, black eyes and ultimately the name "Smut Eye."

Victoria as a community did not reach prominence perhaps until 1850 when the first Post Office was established. "Smut Eye" with William H. Buzbee, the first postmaster. The Smut Eye name changed to Buzbeeville in 1852 with William H. Buzbee continuing as Postmaster followed by Oliver H. Buzbee and William F. Johnson. The Buzbeeville Post Office closed in 1861 and mail for the area was handled through the Elba or Clintonville Post Office for the next 7 years. By 1868, the Post Office was reestablished at Victoria with George P. Beale as Postmaster, followed by Matthew M. Mattos, Josiah Brunson, John P. Martin, William W. Wise, Benjamin J. Cardwell, Maria Segler, Herbert H. Hudson, Jennie Crook, Sid Dunford, Frank Pinckard and J. Thomas. The Victoria Post Office closed in 1893.

Bethlehem Methodist Church was established at Victoria about 1856. The name was changed in recent years to Victoria Baptist due to another church in the county bearing the same name thus creating confusion. The Methodist Church at Victoria held its meetings downstairs in the Old Masonic Lodge Building until its demise, later merging with Chestnut Grove Methodist Church. The River Masonic Lodge #271, located at the second school to locate

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Westbrook honored for completing county commissioner training

Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook was among those county commissioners honored recently for completing 130 hours of training from the Alabama Local Government Training Institute on the basic responsibilities of the county commission. The program emphasizes budgeting, personnel matters, planning and road and bridge responsibilities.

The officials were honored during the Awards Ceremony of the



Linda Westbrook

72nd Annual Convention of the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama.

This unique educational program began ten years ago and in 1994 it was made mandatory for first time county commissioners. The education programs are supervised by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Local Government Training Institute (ALGTI), composed of county officials, educators and members of the Legislature.

Westside Baptist Church to conduct The Good News Bible School

Westside Baptist Church will be conducting "The Good News Bible School" for Kindergarten through Sixth grade at Dan and Shirley Morris' home Saturday, Sept. 9, starting at 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The group will leave the church at 8:50 a.m. and will return to the church at 1:15 p.m. Students are asked to wear their swim suit under a T-shirt and shorts, and bring a towel. For more information, call 897-6929.

Vietnam Veterans Chapter 373 will meet on Sept. 7

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 7 at the Clayhatchee Community House. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans, family and public are invited.

ATTENTION:

The Elba Athletic Club is now taking memberships for the Black & Gold Club. Contact Pam Baker at Elba High School, Earl McCollough or any athletic club member.

Bruson attending advanced studies school

Rush Bruson, son of Jack and Jane Bruson of Elba, was among the more than 135 new students from across the state who started the class Monday, Aug. 14, at the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science.

The school is a public, residential, tuition-free high school for

sophomores, juniors and seniors pursuing advanced studies in mathematics, science and technology. The school is accredited by the State of Alabama and is a member of the National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology.

The general public is invited to come hear him.

Creagh, a nationally known motivational speaker, actor, author and recording artist will speak at Troy State University Wednesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 7 p.m. at Trojan Arena. The event is organized by the TSU Department of Residence Life, the TSU Panhellenic Council, the Alabama Inter-Fraternity Council, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Troy City School System and the Charles Henderson High School PTO.

At 6-7 and 355 pounds, Milton Creagh is a hard man to overlook. When he takes the stage to deliver one of his anti-drug abuse messages to students, Creagh is impossible to ignore.

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The event is free to the public.

Dr. Henry Stewart, Dean of Library Services and one of the organizers of the event, said Creagh's message is one that students should hear.

"I have heard him speak on two other occasions, and he is one of the most powerful speaker I've ever heard,"

Stewart said. "We're encouraging all

TSU students as well as members of

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UNITED WAY KICK OFF was held last Friday at the National Security Conference Center. Leading the event was Way Chairperson Donna McCormick-Morris and Campaign Chairperson Doug Wynn. They announced the \$250,000 fund raising goal for year 2000 has been jump started with 16% pledged from the Pace-makers group. Wynn express appreciation to county businesses who make the "loaned executive" program possible. He stressed that this is one of the secrets for the success of the Coffee County United Way. It helps executives grow in their experiences and helps the United Way reach into all segments of Coffee County.



A ROOM FULL of United Way supporters were on hand Friday to enjoy the noon meal and lend their support to the kick-off of the annual charity fund raising event.



ELBA FOLKS TURNED OUT in large numbers at noon last Friday to enjoy the chicken dinner and continue their support of fund raising through the Coffee County United Way. The annual kick-off was held in Elba for the first time when National Security Insurance made their new conference center available for the affair.

PUBLIC NOTICE DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING PROJECT NO. NHF-333(7) COFFEE AND COVINGTON COUNTIES

The Alabama Department of Transportation will hold a Design Public Hearing for Project No. NHF-333(7), Coffee and Covington Counties, on September 14, 2000 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. at the Elba High School Auditorium located at 371 Tiger Drive in Elba. This project concerns the four-laning of US-64 from CR-30 in Covington County to a point near SR-141 at Curtis in Coffee County.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens can schedule their attendance at their convenience during the above-stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided project information (including the impact on adjacent properties) by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with Department of Transportation personnel. Information regarding the Department of Transportation's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Procedures will be available at the hearing.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to express comments about the project in an informal atmosphere through discussions with Department of Transportation personnel and/or in writing on the comment forms provided at the meeting. A recorder and stenographer will be available for anyone wishing to make a formal verbal comment about the project.

Persons with disabilities who may need special assistance should contact the Alabama Department of Transportation's Division Office, Highway 87 South, Troy, Alabama or call (334) 670-2452 at least one week in advance of the hearing.

Public attendance is urged and input is solicited.

